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SUBJECT: PRM-8 (NORTH/SOUTH ISSUE) FOLLOW-UP: LATIN AMERICA

REF: DEPT ASST SEC ARELLANO'S LTR TO AMB. CRIMMINS

SUMMARY. REPLY TO REF LETTER OF JAN 30

COMPLETED TODAY AND WILL BE SENT IN NEXT WEEK'S POUCH. DUE TO
DELAYS IN POUCH SERVICE, CABLING BELOW AN INDICATIVE
SUMMARY OF LETTER. END SUMMARY.

2. BRAZIL AND THE THIRD WORLD. BRAZIL WISHES TO
MAINTAIN AN APPARENT SOLIDARITY WITH THE THIRD WORLD, WHILE
ON SPECIFIC ISSUES INVOLVING ITS ECONOMIC INTERESTS
PRAGMATICALLY (AND OPPORTUNISTICALLY) PURSUING ITS OWN
NARROW NATIONAL INTEREST--PARTICULARLY IF SUCH BEHAVIOR
CAN PASS PUBLICLY UNNOTICED OR BE RECONCILED WITH
THIRD WORLD RHETORIC. BRAZIL HAS CONSISTENTLY RESISTED
COOPERATING WITH US ON MAJOR MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC
ISSUES AND WE SEE LITTLE HOPE FOR IMPROVEMENT HERE.

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3. TRADE. BRAZILIANS PLACE SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON S&D,
FEELING THEY INVENTED THE CONCEPT AND ACTING AS G-77
SPEAR-BEARER ON ISSUE.

4. COMMODITIES. PURSUANT TO BRAZIL'S GENERAL STANCE
VISA VIS THE THIRD WORLD (SEE ABOVE), ITS STAND ON
COMMODITIES COMBINES FEALTY TO THIRD WORLD RHETORIC

WITH PURSUIT OF NARROW NATIONAL INTEREST. BRAZIL BELIEVES THAT NOT ALL UNCTAD COMMODITIES ARE SUITABLE FOR BUFFER STOCK, AND PARTICULARLY RESISTS IRON ORE AGREEMENT. WHILE CONSULTATIONS WITH GOB ON COMMON FUND COULD BE PRODUCTIVE, WE MUST RESIST APPEARING TO TRY TO COOPT THEM.

5. ENERGY. BRAZIL APPEARS TO INSIST ON LIKAGE BETWEEN NON-NUCLEAR ENERGY COOPERATION AND US NON-PROLIFERATION POLICY; THEREFORE, PROSPECTS FOR GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT COOPERATION IN THIS FIELD IN THE NEW TERM ARE UNCERTAIN. ON THE OTHER HAND, BRAZIL IS NOT RELUCTANT TO DEAL WITH US PRIVATE SECTOR ON ENERGY QUESTIONS.

6. TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER. US AND BRAZILIAN POSITIONS APPEAR TO BE ALMOST DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSED (BRAZIL WANTS A "FREE RIDE"), BUT BRAZIL WOULD PROBABLY WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS DIFFERENCES WITH US ON CODE OF CONDUCT.

7. LOS. BRAZIL DOES NOT SHARE OUR SENSE OF URGENCY REGARDING UPCOMING LOS SESSION, AND SUSPECTS THAT US MIGHT BACK DOWN. BRAZIL WANTS TO BE ABLE TO PURSUE SEABED MINING EVENTUALLY, BUT IS UNWILLING TO BREAK WITH G-77 ON THIS ISSUE NOW.

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8. CONSULTATIONS. FOREIGN MINISTRY LEADS GOB ON NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES, AND THERE IS CONSENSUS WITH OTHER GOB MINISTRIES (NOTABLY FINANCE) ON ISSUES AND CONSENSUS WITHIN FOREIGN MINISTRY ITSELF. US SHOULD NOT EXPECT MUCH FURTHER MOVEMENT ON THESE ISSUES, BUT VISIT BY SENIOR US TEAM (AT UNDER SECRETARY LEV) COULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS WHERE NOT ORIENTED EXCLUSIVELY AROUND NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES. OPPORTUNITY HERE TO REVIVE ECONOMIC CONSULTATIVE GROUP MECHANISM.
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